

## Message Text

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-----052296 141731Z /53

R 141419Z JUL 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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FRANKFURT FOR RSS/RTC/RSO; BONN FOR RSO; SY CHANNEL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: MERCEDES ARMORED VEHICLE

1. AN AMBASSADOR AT A MIDDLE EASTERN POST HAS RELAYED TO  
DASS, WITH SKEPTICISM, A REPORT FROM A PROMINENT LOCAL  
CITIZEN THAT "...MERCEDES PLANT PUTS OUT ARMORED SEDAN,  
ARMOR IN WHICH WEIGHS ONLY 97 KILOS AND YET WILL ALMOST  
STOP ANYTHING UP TO CAL. 0.50."

2. REQUEST RTC INITIATE INQUIRY WITH MERCEDES TO DETERMINE  
AVAILABILITY AND CHARACTERISTICS OF ARMORED VEHICLES  
MARKETED BY THEM. POSSIBILITY THAT ARMORING IS DONE ON A  
CUSTOM BASIS BY INDEPENDENT FIRMS SHOULD ALSO BE EXPLORED.

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SUGGEST AID OF COMMERCIAL ATTACHES OR OTHER MISSION PER-  
SONNEL WITH APPROPRIATE CONTACTS BE ENLISTED AS MOST  
ARMORING FIRMS DO NOT READILY FURNISH INFORMATION OF THIS  
SORT. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** SY  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 14-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE163874  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** WGILLIAM:JP  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
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**Litigation History:**  
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**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
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**TAGS:** ASEC  
**To:** FRANKFURT BONN  
**Type:** TE  
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